

The winter as a whole has been wet, windy but without any frosts or snow. It is therefore feasible that some of the large influx of Painted Ladies which arrived in late November and stayed through into December could well have survived and emerged on the first spring-like day in March.

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Further early emergences of moths

I wrote recently on the early emergence of spring moths (Aston, 1995) in Selborne. As the 1992-94 seasons progressed, the tendency towards early emergence continued here as follows:

	1994	1993	1992	MBGB&I imago
<i>Caradrina clavipalpis</i>	29th Mar	5th May	26th Jun	Apr-Oct
<i>Eupithecia subfuscata</i>	28th Apr	23rd May	7th May	May, Jun
<i>Xanthorhoe fluctuata</i>	1st May	7th May	23rd May	Apr-Sep
<i>Aethalura punctulata</i>	4th May	None	18th May	May, Jun
<i>Ochropleura plecta</i>	9th May	23rd May	8th Jun	Apr-Jun
<i>Dasychira pudibunda</i>	10th May	8th May	24th May	May, Jun
<i>Spilosoma lutea</i>	10th May	25th Apr	23rd May	May-Jul
<i>Colostygia pectinataria</i>	12th May	30th Apr	17th May	May-Sept
<i>Semiothisa clathrata</i>	13th May	26th May	None	May, Jun
<i>Perizoma affinitata</i>	13th May	23rd May	None	May-Jul
<i>Petrophora chlorosata</i>	13th May	30th Apr	14th Apr	May, Jun
<i>Nola confusalis</i>	14th May	27th Apr	None	May, Jun
<i>Cerura vinula</i>	15th May	22nd May	None	May-Jul
<i>Lacanobia oleracea</i>	15th May	9th Jun	14th Jun	May-Jul
<i>Ligdia adustata</i>	15th May	27th Apr	19th May	May, Jun
<i>Acronicta rumicis</i>	15th May	27th May	None	May-Jul
<i>Charanyca trigrammica</i>	16th May	22nd May	5th Jun	May-Jul
<i>Acasis viretata</i>	19th May	23rd May	None	May, Jun
<i>Epiblema cynosbatella</i>	19th May	23rd May	25th May	May-Jul
<i>Thera britannica</i>	20th May	22nd May	24th May	May-Jul
<i>Diarsia rubi</i>	21st May	24th May	30th May	May, Jun
<i>Caradrina morpheus</i>	22nd May	27th May	24th Jun	Jun-Aug
<i>Apamea sordens</i>	22nd May	3rd Jun	23rd Jun	May, Jun
<i>Hepialus lupulinus</i>	23rd May	25th May	28th May	May-Jul
<i>Axylia putris</i>	25th May	22nd May	15th Jun	Jun, Jul
<i>Autographa pulchrina</i>	1st Jun	8th Jun	5th Jun	Jun, Jul
<i>Peribatodes rhomboidaria</i>	6th Jun	9th Jun	18th Jun	Jul-Sep

Some of the early first appearances in 1994 would seem to have left sufficient time for several species uncharacteristically to produce second generations during the later months. All observations were made at home. The m.v. light is operative on most nights of the year. The emergences are regarded as early in so far as they are early for this locality.

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